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1. During our June 12 visit to the Swan Islands, the FAA Chief of Party, Mr. Fred Grothé, gave us the following information on the non-U.S. citizen personnel on the islands:

- There are nine males (heads of household). Of these, eight are originally from Honduras' Bay Islands and are Hondurans; only one was born in Grand Cayman.
- There is no breakdown on the nationality of the women.
- Children have not been born on the Swan Islands. When a woman comes within two months of term, she leaves the Swan Islands in order to be near medical assistance. In most cases, the women go to Grand Cayman, even those who originally came from the Bay Islands.
- When the time comes to educate the children, they are generally sent to Grand Cayman where they stay with friends or relatives.

2. Conclusion: Most of the non-U.S. personnel probably have Honduran nationality already, but all of them have stronger cultural ties with Grand Cayman than with the Bay Islands. Most of the children are probably dual nationals (Honduran/Cayman).

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